

Uchucklesaht Tribe Peoples Assembly March 17, 2018

Uchucklesaht Tribe People's Assembly Saturday March 17, 2018 The Thunderbird Port Alberni, BC

Attendance:

Chief Councillor Charlie Cootes	CAO, Scott Coulson
DLR, Ryan Anaka	DOO, Carla Halvorsen
Marie Samuel	Jason Titian
Regina Frank	Martin Sam
Melissa Rush	Wilfred Cootes Jr.
Sabrina Crowley	Phyllis Halvorsen
Sharon Styan Sr.	James Cootes
Austyn Snoek	Susan Leask
Lorraine Cootes	Tina Robinson
Racheal Mathiassen	Gloria Jean Frank
Serra Cootes	Thomas Rush
William Jeffrey	Chase Crowley
Coleton Crowley	Zoey Cootes

Call to Order: Chief Councillor Charlie Cootes

Facilitator: Scott Coulson

Prayer: Marie Samuel

Agenda:

Motion #01: Uchucklesaht Tribe Peoples Assembly accepts the Agenda as may be amended.

Moved: Thomas Rush

Seconded: Martin Sam

(All in Favor – 16)

Motion Carried

Budget:

Motion #02: Uchucklesaht Tribe Peoples Assembly accepts the budget for 2018-2019 as may be amended.

Moved: Wilfred Cootes Jr.

Seconded: Sabrina Crowley

(All in Favor – 16)

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Motion Carried

Administration – increase in audit and bank charges – increase in rent paid out to The Thunderbird (paying market rent) – Cost of Living increase for wages –

Council – budget goes down every year. There has been an increase here for a UTG rep. Legal Expenses have been included for the Fraser River Fishery but overall there has been a decrease in legal expenses.

Question: Are we going to be entertaining the Me Too Clause?

Answer: Yes, nearing the end of the justification process and then the trigger is the 8 year Me Too period. MTS is to apply for the Me Too Clause Trigger to come into effect. Licenses are in the Harvest Agreement and would be protected under the constitution. Mosquito Fleet Opportunities are there and the treaty trippers the 8 year period. There are other timelines as well but we will clarify those later on.

Action #01: UTG can send out detailed information to the membership regarding the Me Too Clause process in the next newsletter.

Numerous Departments – elections have an increase to \$15,000 for the November 2019 election. Peoples Assembly and Citizenship and Enrolment Costs are the same.

Education - \$149,000 put aside for Post-Secondary Costs – Student Allowances Provided – Student Awards Provided – Adult Education – Student Activities included in this department.

Marine Transportation – Charters are covered under this department. Tom Mack is undergoing various renovations this year and funding put aside for motor. Truck will be located in the village for other runs so citizens can utilize the work truck. Drivers Abstracts will be required.

Comment: Every year I've been asking at the Peoples Assemblies for a better reliable boat. The Tom Mack is a cold open boat that only fits up to two people. It is rough and pounds hard in the rough weather and is cold. We have been discussing the new boat for quite a while now after the Lowrider was sold as UTG discussed getting a different boat. We were supposed to find a smaller more cost effective reliable boat for getting people in and out of the village. Now we are getting news that the new boat that has been getting fixed up over the last 2 years is not going to be used for membership village runs. Feeling forgotten and ignored – wondering if this is personal. In an emergency it is very important that you get to a hospital within the 1 hour and if we had a reliable boat then we would be able to make it in one hour. In an emergency in the

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past the Bamfield Coast Guard got lost three times. I wonder if this is personal – if someone else was down here then maybe there would be a reliable safe boat to travel in.

Comment: I feel that Tom Mack is not fit for passenger charters – it was meant as a fishing boat to haul nets and circle netting, not as a pleasure boat for passenger runs.

Motion #03: Uchucklesaht Tribe Peoples Assembly recommends to the council that the UTG purchase a reliable, hard covered boat for passenger travel in and out of the village of Ehtlathese and also consider charging additional passenger rates to other residents in the UTG inlet.

Moved: Phyllis Halvorsen

Seconded: James Cootes

(All in Favor – 8)

(Against – 3)

(Abstain – 2)

Motion Carried

Comment: I am concerned that the Tom Mack is not transport Canada certified as a reliable passenger transportation boat.

Comment: I would like as an elder to have a reliable boat to travel down to the village in.

Comment: I would like to note this is not personal and we will not be buying a boat just for Phyllis Halvorsen. We have other modes of transportation for the residents to use to get to and from the village. Why don't people get their own modes of transportation to get to and from the village? UTG is already providing a truck. At one time people used to make their own way to and from Port Alberni from the village. Where does the responsibility of the other people to provide their own ways to and from the village come in?

Reply: I am the only elder in the village right now and I thought that the nation always talks about how they take care of their elders. I do not drive that boat – you have skipper Tina that drives that boat for community runs. This is not for just me – this is for all of us as members and elders. I guess I know now why our nation did not get a boat – you might think this is just for me. I wonder if we did not have maintenance men in the village and I didn't live there that funding would just be cut off to the village.

Reply: UTG would always continue to provide maintenance in the village and protect all of the assets in the village. There are no conditions on our funding. UTG also does provide a truck and we must have drivers abstract from the RCMP before anyone is allowed to drive that truck. We have already requested the abstract but have not received one yet.

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Comment: It is important that we are all heard. The boat was obviously very uncomfortable for us elders to travel down on to the village. We need to have a voice and want to be heard. We all as members need to know what is going on as well and know what is happening in our community. We had transportation before. I was so excited to finally go home and visit the village and tell stories and come together. We use to gather every summer in our village a we need that connection with each other. We need reliable transportation for our members. We have no boats so everyone had no choice but to move to Port Alberni. I was one of those people. Hear us, let us work together and make it happen.

Comment: There is a small group of us people that vote now and we are not being heard. You all have way too much power and this is almost like a dictatorship. Our voices are not being heard. I want that power to shift now so we are heard.

Reply: That is a huge process and would require a referendum to the Uchucklesaht Tribe Constitution.

Comment: (Reads directly from Constitution) 9.1 An amendment to this Constitution may be initiated by: **a resolution passed by a majority of a quorum of the Uchucklesaht Council;** or (b) **the presentation of a petition to the Uchucklesaht Council signed by at least 35% of Uchucklesaht eligible voters identifying the specific Constitutional amendment proposed.** Upon passage of a resolution or receipt of a petition, the Uchucklesaht Council shall develop wording for the proposed Constitutional amendment. Prior to conducting a referendum on the proposed amendment, the Uchucklesaht Council shall: provide full information on the proposed amendment by way of written material and other forms of publication to all Uchucklesaht citizens; (b) provide all Uchucklesaht citizens with at least 30 days' notice of a special Uchucklesaht People's Assembly including the date, time and location of the Assembly and a summary of the proposed amendment; (c) conduct the special Uchucklesaht People's Assembly in order to seek the views of Uchucklesaht citizens; and (d) make any changes to the wording of the proposed amendment that the Uchucklesaht Council deems appropriate in light of the advice received from the Uchucklesaht People's Assembly. This Constitution may only be amended with the approval of at least 50% plus one of Uchucklesaht eligible voters at the time of the referendum.

Action #02: UTG could send all of the citizens/enrollees copies of the UTG Constitution.

Motion #04:

Uchucklesaht Tribe Peoples Assembly recommends to the council that the UTG Constitution be made available to the UTG Enrollees to review and discuss amendment specifics and Referendum process at a Special Peoples Assembly.

Moved: James Cootes

Seconded: Phyllis Halvorsen

(All in Favor – 8) (Abstentions – 4) Motion Carried

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Comment: It is a long and tough process as the citizens/enrollees originally put this Constitution in place.

Health Services – Elders Assistance Funds are covered in this department as well as the hampers, elders gathering funds and special needs and treatments. Swim Tickets are also provided to UTG Citizens.

Question: How do we benefit from swim tickets in Victoria?

Reply: Speak with the Human Services Department regarding swim tickets. They work with local facilities in some other areas.

Question: There are some elders that need homemaking services. How can I apply? What is the stipend?

Reply: You would apply through the Human Services Department. Health nurses assess the various situations and then an application process is followed and an assessment is done.

Question: Do you know if elders are still provided with propane?

Reply: Yes, through the social development budget. It is all broken down in the budget.

Question: Could I get my grass in the village cut? I noticed that maintenance people are cutting a lot of the grass and bush in the village but I do not have any equipment to cut the grass in my area and am not allowed to use the equipment. Can I as an elder get the maintenance to also cut my grass out front?

Reply: Our Lands Department can look into that.

Question: UTG used to have a Waste Management Plan, could I get a copy of that?

Reply: We will track that plan down.

Question: Could we include all of Kildonan Harbor in our waste management plan to encourage them to recycle?

Reply: CAO will first review the plan to see what it contains.

Comment: Area A Regional District could be one way to enter into a service agreement in order to protect the area in the inlet.

Action #03: Law Clerk to track down the Waste Handling Report and forward to the CAO.

Economic Development – water project, water truck – water is part of the economic development project.

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Forestry – UTG is clearing an area for Water Ventures.

Question: Could we clear up a helicopter emergency evacuation landing area up behind the Cootes house at that point? Maybe have our members cut down a few of those problem trees so the helicopter could safely land?

Reply: Yes we do have our DLR assessing that area now.

Land Use Planning & Emergency Preparedness:

We are updating our emergency preparedness plan and getting emergency kits ready to place in the village.

Question: As part of the Emergency Preparedness Plan could we notify the Coast Guard of where UTG village is? Could we also make sure that Maintenance workers carry VHF on them for safety reasons? It would be good to be safe down there in the case of an emergency.

Reply: Yes, we will forward information to DLR.

Capital Projects – Funding – Trail Building, Desks, Phone System, Solar Upgrade, Canoe/Pole, Dock Repair, New Roof, Water Project, Pick Up Truck, Dump Truck, Trucks.

Question: We used to have a housing renovation program years ago where the tribe matched dollar for dollar the cost of renovations in the village. Could we do that sort of program again in our village?

Reply: We will look into that program.

Water Bottling Project – UTG is continuing with the work on the plan to bottle and sell water.

Annual Reports:

Motion #05: Uchucklesaht Tribe Peoples Assembly agree to receive all of the Annual Reports for 2017-2018.

Moved: Thomas Rush

Seconded: Martin Sam

(All in Favor – 16)

Motion Carried

Director of Lands and Resources Annual Report – Fisheries - Fish Fence operation continued for 2017. Fence count numbers are important for escapement estimations. An ARIS sonar unit is

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planned for installation. This unit will be a permanent option for counting fish and would limit instream impacts. This would be an externally funded project through Maa-nulth or other funding options.

Question: Seals and Sea Lions are a big nuisance right now and there are very large populations that are targeting our larger salmon. It is a huge problem and it would be great to develop a plan to deal with that.

Reply: Yes, we are developing a plan for that.

DFO completed escapement enumeration in Clemens Creek, and the beach spawning area in front of Thunderbird Lodge. A return size approximately 18000 was estimated.

The 2017 Commercial Oyster License was not fished. A fishery was attempted but there were no interested buyers.

Monthly technical fisheries meetings occur between DFO and Maa-nulth reps to review the annual harvest plan, harvest rates and allocation numbers. Commercial harvest of domestic food fish species is a focus in an attempt to ensure that commercial harvest of food fish species does not impact access to those species.

Harvest reporting of both allocated and unallocated fish species is crucial for ensuring continued access and species management. Fishing effort, successful or not needs to be reported as this information lends strength to commercial fishing management requests and or allocation determination.

Wildlife - The daytime ungulate survey was completed in the Spring. Nighttime surveys were not completed. Harvest reporting of is crucial for ensuring continued access and species management. Fishing effort, successful or not needs to be reported as this information lends strength to commercial fishing management requests and or allocation determination.

Question: Could we relocate deer into our territory?

Answer: Yes, that could be possible.

Elk relocation planning was undertaken in 2017. The relocation did not occur, but is planned for 2018.

Village Operations - General maintenance of the village and village facilities is ongoing.

Blackberry removal, boardwalk repairs, road maintenance, dock maintenance and debris removal is completed on a regular basis.

Question: There are blackberry bushes over by the old generator system that I like to harvest my berries from. Can we please leave those bushes since that is my harvest source?

Maintenance was cutting it back at one point.

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Answer: Yes, just make sure we know the exact location of your harvesting.

Professional survey works of the treaty settlement land was completed in the Clemens Creek/Upper Henderson Lake area. These survey's and previously completed surveys of treaty lands are surveyed by the DLR and staff for completion and accuracy.

Question: Do we have rentals for our members in the village?

Answer: Yes we are fixing up short term rental units this year.

Land Use Planning - The draft management plan for T'iitsk'in Paawats is in its final review, with the provincial public comment period complete. Final sign off is expected in Spring of 2018.

Question: Will members be able to choose their plots of lands as residential interests?

Answer: Yes, lands that have been used in the past have been identified and applications were received but that process was closed – we will open up the application system again.

Residential interest planning is ongoing. Detailed mapping work is underway, including identification and digitization of existing infrastructure, roads, sewer, power, and water.

Applications for the Lands Technical Working Group have been received. However, the Group has not yet been formed as the detailed mapping stage and timeline work plan have not yet been developed.

A new road for forestry has been established behind the village, a second growth hemlock and cedar cut block has been partially felled, and logging will continue into Spring of 2018.

Question: We have been protecting cemetery areas but my son's grave is up by the forestry cut block up by the cliffs – can we please save my sons grave from being disturbed please?

Answer: Yes, please identify the area with the DLR.

Motion #06: Uchucklesaht Tribe Peoples Assembly accepts the DLR Annual Report.

Moved: Martin Sam

Seconded: Phyllis Halvorsen

(All in Favor – 19)

Motion Carried

Motion #07: Uchucklesaht Tribe Peoples Assembly agrees to break for lunch.

Moved: Martin Sam

Seconded: Thomas Rush

(All in Favor – 19)

Motion Carried

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Human Services Annual Report:

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT - Continue to provide individual and/or families with assistance when they live on Uchucklesaht Treaty lands. This is based on application and meeting the criteria to be eligible.

CULTURE - Cedar harvesting continues to take place during the period of the year that is a good time to pick the cedar. This year a group of citizens went out to get cedar at the end of May.

Participated in ceremonies where masks and artifacts were returned to Uchucklesaht Tribe from a museum back east and BC museum. The Human Service department arranged for the cultural support for the return of such valuable and historic pieces of work.

Cross Cultural event took place on February 9th at the Thunderbird with participation from law enforcement agencies throughout the Valley. Approximately 100 people participated in the event.

EDUCATION/TRAINING/EMPLOYMENT - Dinner on Education took place on March 30th at the Thunderbird.

The Human Services department applied for funds through NETP for two summer students who worked for July and August of 2017. The two workers provided assistance with the Science Camp; prep and planning for citizen participation in Tluupiich Games; planning and prep for the Annual Uchucklesaht picnic; and helped in administrative duties in various departments.

There was Pro Day events that took place throughout the year, either where the department planned and coordinated the event(s) or the department assisted students in participating in outside activities during Pro Day.

Notices were sent out in May reminding students from grade 1 to 12 of upcoming NTC Scholarships and Awards. This year there were 4 Uchucklesaht students who received scholarships/Awards and there were two citizens who graduated from grade 12.

An Education Career Event is in the planning to take place at the end of March. There will be a number of keynote speakers who will speak about education and careers. There will also be a number of service providers available from the Education and career areas who will be available for individuals to speak to them one on one and take home information that they may provide.

Question: I was wondering when I would get my family day package? It still did not come in the mail.

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Answer: Please follow up with the Human Services Department.

A grant was received from First Nations Education Steering Committee (an addition of just over \$6,000 was added to help towards a person who was on staff for a term position, we were able to keep her on until the end of May 2017. A big asset to the Tribe.

Throughout the school year received monthly reports from various schools on attendance – for this school year there was 20 students who had applied and where eligible to receive monthly attendance cheques based on the criteria required to receive the monthly cheques.

For Post Secondary throughout the year there has been 8 applications, 3 are currently being funded for Post Secondary education and by ensuring that they met the criteria as set by NTC Post Secondary and as outlined by Uchucklesaht to approve funding.

Reminder for Post Secondary funding the deadlines for funding are March 1st for enrollment in September and August 1st for enrollment in January. All applications must first go through NTC Post Secondary office. They can be found on-line with their policies and information on the services that they provide under Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council.

CHILD WELFARE - Continue to work with individuals and families who are experiencing difficulties and risk the possibility of having a child or children taken into care by the Ministry or Usma. Also work closely with social workers who are involved with families from Uchucklesaht. The aim is to ensure that children do not have to go into care. Also meet on a regular basis with children in care and with foster parents to ensure that all is going well with the placement and to assist in areas that the family may need direction.

The Uchucklesaht Tribe Christmas Party took place on December 9th at Echo Centre. Gifts where provided for children from new born to 18; and gift cards given to singles/families/elders in attendance. This year there was 125 in attendance. Planning and preparation for this event starts in late August up to the date of the event.

HEALTH - Attended a number of the Nuuchahnulth Health caucus meetings that take place twice a year, this is through First Nations Health.

Attended the Regional Health Caucus meeting of First Nations Health, this takes place twice a year over a three day period.

Attended Cultural Safety committee meetings that are held every six weeks, this is coordinated by First Nations Health with participation from West Coast General Hospital, Island Health Rep; Rep from the Southern Region First Nations; and some Health Service Agencies. Primary areas addressed in the last year is the finalization of a First Nations room for West Coast General Hospital; as well as a one day conference that took place called Trauma Informed Emergency

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Care with participation from an elder from each of the Southern Region communities, staff from WCGH; staff from Health services in the area. This was an opportunity to voice areas of concern with the hospital and to have the information pulled together for a report that will be reviewed for further action. Aim to change how First Nations feel about using WCGH services.

Attended a number of First Nations Health Directors meeting throughout the year.

Attended a Traditional Advisory Network meeting in TinWis in November that addressed the development of a framework around traditional practices in the Nuu-chah-nulth area around health. This is an area still in progress and planning and the next meeting will take place late in March.

Elders cheques processed for 22 elders who have applied for monthly funding. Based on the criteria set out by the Executive citizens who are 55 and older who have made an application to the Tribe are able to receive \$150 per month. This is for citizens only in Canada.

Nurse Drop-in took place on a monthly basis; an opportunity to talk one on one with a nurse about personally health issues; and also to get screening if needed.

Assisted three citizens to attend the Womens Gathering held in May for three days.

Planning is underway for the upcoming Elders Gathering in July which will be held in Duncan. As the department gets more details and more info in the planning the Clerk will be in touch with Elders to confirm trips etc.

Patient travel reviews take place on an ongoing basis.

Throughout the year the department meets with various citizen to address issues around: Social Development; Education; Employment; Training; Child Welfare; Culture; Health; Mental Health; Family issues.

Motion #08: Uchucklesaht Tribe Peoples Assembly accepts the Human Services Annual Report.

Moved: Sabrina Crowley

Seconded: Thomas Rush

(All in Favor – 19)

Motion Carried

Director of Operations Annual Report:

Hall & Boardroom Rentals: Regularly rent out the hall and boardroom in The Thunderbird.

The Thunderbird Apartment Rentals: (One Bed/One Den Rental coming up in April 2018) A few minor noise and smoking complaints but those issues have been dealt with. All of the residents

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seem to really love the building and most of them respect the rules so when someone is caught disrespecting the building then residents are very vocal about that with the other people and management.

Village Rentals: Six Plex 2 bedroom and the Maintenance House 3 bedroom will be rented out starting Mid-April to the Vancouver Island Logging crew. I am making sure that all inventory of the units are completed and will be completing a site trip soon with the DLR.

Short Term Suite Rentals: One suite has been rented out from February 25 - March 23rd Monday - Friday and there is a lot of inquires coming in now. We will advertise through local papers, notices to other nations and also through the Hashilthsa

Green Cove Building: Work in Progress This building has undergone some renovations mainly focused on the outside (including siding and gutters) but we will need some work done inside the building to get it ready for rentals. I will be completing a site trip with the DLR to inspect the building and area.

UTG Cabin: Work in Progress This cabin is in great condition but is not ready for rentals quite yet until we figure out access, foreshore and water issues and transfers. We hope the building will be available by the end of 2018 for rentals. CAO and DLR will have more information regarding this cabin.

Henderson Lodge: West Coast Edge ATV Adventures This building on the Henderson Lake has been leased out to an ATV company called West Coast Edge ATV Adventures. CAO has more details regarding this company as the arrangements have been set between the CAO and ATV Adventures. The Henderson Lodge has been renamed **The Thunderbird House** and is a 6 bedroom lakefront lodge with full amenities located at the end of Henderson Lake.

Motion #09: Uchucklesaht Tribe Peoples Assembly accepts the Director of Operations Annual Report.

Moved: Jason Titian
(All in Favor – 19)

Seconded: Sabrina Crowley

Motion Carried

Water Report:

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The water project has been part of the UTG Economic Development Plan and has to do with bottling water and selling it. (Shows a view of the draft website and look of the bottle)

Question: Can we change the look of that bottle by adding a blue to the back or something?

Answer: No, we must take the professional advice for the look of the bottle that focusses on the target audience.

The water company will be 100% owned by UTG.

Question: Will that companies profit be shared amongst the UTG enrolees later on?

Answer: Yes, that is going to be looked at as well later on once it is determined the business is making profit.

Logo, Bottle Design, Facebook Page, water trucks and water plant and equipment plans are all in the works.

UTG would like to utilize bulk water in the future.

Question: Will UTG have 100% ownership?

Answer: Yes but there will also be a need for investors at the beginning.

Question: Can anyone invest?

Answer: That is also being determined soon as we get planning.

Motion #10: Uchucklesaht Tribe Peoples Assembly accepts the CAO/DOF Water Report.

Moved: Regina Frank

Seconded: Wilfred Cootes Jr.

(All in Favor – 19)

Motion Carried

Adjourn:

Motion #11: Uchucklesaht Tribe Peoples Assembly agrees to adjourn the meeting of the day.

Moved: Carla Halvorsen

Seconded: Thomas Rush

(All in Favor – 19)

Motion Carried

MEETING ADJOURNED